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**Subject:** FW: KIWI: Reuters and ECHO

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Lucy

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**Subject:** EPA HQ-2013-008047 FW: KIWI: Media Inquiries for West, Texas  
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